

REMARKS

Claim 4-32 are pending in this application. In the May 4, 2004 Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 4-32 as anticipated by Jeyaraman (U.S. Patent No. 6,311,187). Applicants respectfully traverse.


Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner has improperly read the "predetermined time period" limitation in independent claims 1, 11, 20, 21, and 31 into the Jeyaraman reference. Jeyaraman does not teach "predetermined time period" at al.

The Examiner argues that Jeyaraman teaches that a client's update request "indicates the operating state of the client" and that "the time interval of updating is determined by the operating state information of receiver side (sic)." 5/4 Office Action, pg. 6, citing Jeyaraman, 3:48-54, 7:10-18. The Examiner further states that the time interval "may be several seconds to many days depending on whether the client is available." Applicants respectfully submit that a client's update request is not the same as "operating state information." When a client requests an update, it's merely requesting the update. Any suggestion that the receiving side is operational merely because the client was able to make an update request is based purely on the Examiner's conjecture as Jerayaman does not teach that a client update request provides operating state information. Moreover, The Examiner's suggestion that "the time interval may be several seconds to many days depending on whether the client is available" strips away any meaning that "predetermined" provides to the term "predetermined time period."

Applicants have amended claims 1, 11, 21 and 31 purely to clarify and emphasize aspects of the claimed subject matter that the Examiner has failed to appreciate. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4-32 are ready for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. If there are any issues that the Examiner believes may be addressed in a telephone conversation, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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